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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Wheaton Byers, PFIAB, on 9 September 1975, 1030-1230.

- 1. Mr. Byers advised me that the Senate Select Committee (SSC) had formally requested access to the PFIAB HUMINT Report. In discussing the possibility that the Committee might also request the DCI's written response, we agreed that a meeting between us might be useful to bring Mr. Byers up to date on Human Sources Committee and related IC/HUMINT progress and other aspects since the DCI's written response had been delivered.
- 2. I brought Mr. Byers up to date on the recent FOCUS exercises which the Committee had conducted. reported on activities of the IC/HUMINT Branch including our continuing efforts to improve briefing and training of Foreign Service Officers, Defense Attaches, and others being posted to overseas missions. I also indicated we were considering ways of upgrading and strengthening HSC influence. Mr. Byers had heard about the difficulties in clearing the for the SSC from the White House and we briefly discussed this.
- Mr. Byers expressed appreciation for the update on HSC and IC/HUMINT. He indicated he would be seeing Board member Gordon Gray later that day and would brief him. Mr. Byers asked whether General Wilson and I would be willing to give the Board a similar updated briefing on human source activities. I replied that I was sure General Wilson would agree to give such a briefing. The initiative is with Mr. Byers to let us know if and when such a briefing is desired.
- Mr. Byers reported that he had made available the sanitized PFIAB report to the SSC Staff (the Coordination and Management Group, which is not the same group to which Lynn Davis and others with whom we are dealing belong). The report was made available only for reading. The Board had

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not yet decided whether the sanitized version would be given to the SSC or whether the original sensitive report would be shown to them. Mr. Byers indicated, however, that the latter report probably would eventually be shown with a few sensitive deletions. (Note: Lynn Davis of the SSC Staff indicated to me on 11 September that she had been trying to see the PFIAB HUMINT Report but as yet had been unsuccessful.)

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